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**HISTORY**  
OF THE  
Late Proceedings  
OF THE  
**STUDENTS**  
OF THE  
COLLEGE  
AT  
**EDENBOROUGH.**

Which hath occasioned the Kings Proclamation for Banishing them Fifteen miles from the said City. In three several Letters to a worthy Citizen of *London.*

*Academiae, &c. Universitatis, &c. Edinburg.*

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## FIRST LETTER.

**T**HE manner of it was thus, They had taken up a resolution to Celebrate this Pageant a week or a fortnight before to which all generally consented. In order where to they employed a Carver who erected them a Wooden Holyness or a Pope in Effigy with Cloaths, Tripple Crown, Keys and other necessary habiliments, for which there was a general Collection amongst the Students. All things being in readiness on Thursday night, they acquainted some others with it, by which the rumor came to the Provosts Ears, who was so enraged that he sent for the Primicer and Regents, Commanding them to order the Students to desist from their enterprize with menaces, that if they would not he would make it a bloody Christmas to some of them.

After which he went down to the Abby, to acquaint the Duke and Chancellor with it. The former was much moved, and the latter swore a great Oath that if they undertook it he would order six hundred of Lithgows Regiment to be brought within the Town. (Which is an infringement of the Legal Priviledges of the City) To Cut down all Students where ever they saw above four or five assembled together. Order also was given that the Guards should be doubled.

But the Students, not being at all dismayed, went on with an intire resolution to accomplish the project in pursuance of which they would live or die together. Being encouraged by Merchants and Tradesmen, who by this time were acquainted with their purpose, and came and offered their assistance, yea most of the Town, excepting the Magistrates, resolved if Lithgows men were brought in they

they would Lay out the Blew Blanket Flag, seldome laid out and taken in without Blood-shed.

The day being come, they all as well Students as Apprentices with others convened in the Morning, and at nine a Clock (the Soldiers not being as yet brought in), the Lads took their opportunity and carried the Pageant to the High-street, (the Duke being then in the Council-house) and immediatly set fire to it, shouting no Pope, no Pope. Every old Wife thought her self happy that could get a stroke at it, and made as great a noise as any, Cursing the Pope and blessing the Students, but they were not well separated till General Dalziel with Lithgows men came rageing through the streets like Lions, but they being but one Company, they were not regarded.

S I R,

Your Servant.

Christmas Day,  
1680,



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## Second Letter

From another Friend at *Edenbrough*, giving an Account of the same.

*Edenb. Decemb. 25. 1680.*

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**T**His Night I intend you only the Diversion of our *Christmas*; some days since the Boyes of the College took a conceipt to Burn the *Pope*, and *Antichrist*, on this day, as most proper for it.

They ordered the *Pope* and his *Formalities*, to be prepared in good Fashion, with his *Mitre*, *Crozier*, *Pastoral Staff*, and *Robes*; but the thing taking Air, is brought to my *Lord Chancellor's* Ears, who judging rightly how necessary it was at this Time, to prevent the beginnings of such Insolencies, sent for the *Magistrates*, and enjoyned them very strictly, to be careful to hinder it; The *Magistrates* called the *Principal*, and *Regents*; and after severe Intimations to the Boyes, the *Principal* causes a *Bond* to be tendred to them, whereby, considering of what dangerous consequence it might be to Burn the *Pope in Effigie*, they were to bind neither to do it this day, nor hereafter: Some *Bearnes* took it, but the rest of the *Classis* insolently refused it; and so the thing coming to be more apprehended, I am told, that some

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of the *Council* met Yesterday for the Preventing of it, and the *Principal Officers* of the *Forces* were in Arms most part of the Night, that they brought the *Companies* from *Leith*, and gathered all the *Forces* about, to the *Cannogate*, without beating of *Drums*, that our *Magistrates* were up all Night; the *Provost* in the *Court of Guard*, and the *Bailiffs* at the *Ports*, and this Morning early the *Gray-Coats*, the *Town-Guards*, went to the *Colledge*, and some other Houses, conducted by the *Town-Mayor*, and seized several Scholars judged to be most active, in their Beds, and committed them to the *Cannogate Telbooth*, where they still lie; two or three of them are *English Boyes*, but they say innocently suspected; one of them is said to be one *Gray*, Son to Sir *Phil. Gray*. A little after Day the *Magistrates* sent the *Town-Guards* again to the *Colledge*, to prevent any *Rendezvous* there, but the *Boyes* in the mean time met in a place called the *High-School-Yard*; and having ordered the *Pope*, and taken the best Opportunity, they bring the *Pope* up *Black-Fryers*---to the *High Street*, just about the Time that a *Bailiff* ordered by the *Magistrates* was come that length discharging tumultuous Meetings, and commanding our *Train-Bands* to be in Arms; but the *Boyes* took the Paper from the Officer; and having read a short Accusation against His *Holiness*, they set Fire to him with Links, having ordered a Train within him. About the same Time *General Dalziel* getting the Alarm, for which he was in readiness, sends in a Squadron of His Majesties *Horse-Guard*, conducted by the *Lord L---* with *Kettle-Drums*, the *Kings Standard*, and *Swords drawn*, by the *Canogate Port*, who rid in great haste to the *Grass-Market*; and the General himself, with other Companies, follow them with no less haste the same way; the Companies being followed with three Men carrying *Ball*, *Match* and *Powder*; and by the *Nether-Bow-Port* enters the *E. of Marr*, about the same Time with two Companies drawn up in one; and before he came the length, the E.

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of *Linlithgow* passing by where the *Pope* was first fired, draws his Sword, and drives off the Boyes, though they were rude enough; and coming to the *Burning Pope*, he turned him over, and caused his Men to draw him under the weynd head; but they fearing *Powder* in the *Pope's Belly*, left him; and the Lads beat the *Pope* with Sticks until the Powder took fire, and blew off his head, and then they took the Head and Chair, and haled him through all the Streets to the Weigh-house: The *E. of Marr* marching fast after them with his two Companies; but the Chair being then broke, the Boyes scattered, only they tossed the Head a while, and the *E. of Marr* returned as he went up, and the *General* came from the *Grass-Market* down the *High-Street*, and the *King's Guard* in the same posture as they came in. We have also had good *Guards* to day, to suppress the remains of the disorder, our *Train-Bands* came not together, yet I must assure you, that in all this business there were none but *Boyes* only. You may see how careful we are to prevent the *Extravagancies* that abound with you, for otherwise all the world knows what *Protestants* we are: You need not doubt but this *Shew* would gather concourse enough, and the People cried, *No Pope, No Pope*, and made sport enough of the whole. This Account I hope will help you to pass your *Christmas* the more merrily. I am Sir Your Humble Servant.

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## THIRD LETTER.

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I Hope you have received my last of the 25<sup>th</sup>. of the last Month, in which I gave you an account of the conceipt the *Boys* of the *Colledge* took to burn *the Pope*, the *Antichrist*, on *Christmas* day last. I gave you also an account of the endeavours used by the *Lord Chancellor* the *Principal* and *Regents*, and other of the *Magistrates*, for the preventing of it, and of the ill effect of those endeavours; the *Bearns* notwithstanding carrying on their enterprize in despite of the opposition they met with from the *E. of Marr*. *General Dalziel* and other *Souldiers*.

Since when our *Provosts house* hath been burnt, whither occasion'd by malicious men, or done accidentally I know not, tho it be said that he was threatned with the burning of his house at *Priest-field*, and with other injuries, it hath also been made out that *fire-balls* were thrown into it, and that a *Barrel of Powder* was found in that part of the house that was unburnt;

And yesterday was published here a *Proclamation*, That whereas the *Lords of the Council* were informed that several disloyal and malicious Persons, frequenting *Edenborough*, had instigated the *Students* of the *Colledge* to enter into *Bonds* and *Combinations*, and to *convocate* in *Tumults*, there was order taken for the Securing of our Peace, and it being made appear that the *Students* did enter into *Bonds* and *Combinations*, in which they did oblige themselves, among other things, contrary

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trary to the Laws of this Kingdom, to adhere to one another, if they were called in question for it, and in confidence of that *Seditious Combination* did on the 25. of *December* last, in a Tumultuary way, assault and affront several persons, and did associate themselves with *Apprentices*, and put up *blew Ribbons* as signs and cognizances to differ themselves from others, and for convocating themselves; for which being justly reprov'd, they did some dayes after run up and down the Streets in Tumults, disquieting the Nobility and Gentry of both Sexes, and threatening the *Provost* as above, &c. Whereupon the *Lords of the Council* by an *Act* ordered the *Gates* of the *Schools* of that *Colledge* to be shut up, till they should be fully informed of the Root and Progreſs of these disorders, and satisfied by the punishment and submission of the *Offenders*. Therefore to prevent any further *Seditious Tumults*, and disorders from these *Students*, they are all commanded to retire 15 miles at least from this *City*, within twenty four hours after publication of this Proclamation, and not to come within our limits without leave of the Privy Council, under the pain of being punished as *Seditious Persons*, and Contemnners of the *Kings* Authority, and their *Parents*, *Tutors*, and all others are forbid to resset or entertain them without giving caution to the *Clerks of the Council* for their good behaviour.

What our thoughts hereof are I leave you to judge. The *Duke* is still with us, but there is a talk of his removing higher up into the Country towards *Glasgow*. At your leasure I shall be glad to be informed what your thoughts in *England* are of these proceedings: As any thing else of moment occurs you may expect an account of it from,

Sir, Your most devoted Servant,

Edinburgh,  
Jan. 22. 1680.

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